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KEN ALVORD: Senator, a committee you're vitally involved with beginning a preliminary inquiry into allegations of financial misconduct by, among others, CIA Director William Casey. What can you tell us going into this?

SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER: Well, about all we're doing is to check into why the committee was not informed of the wrongdoings of Mr. Hugel that resulted in his leaving the service the other day. We're not investigating Mr. Casey or anybody else. We want to know why newspapers, or a newspaper knew about this on, I think, Friday, and we, the committee, didn't learn about it till we picked up the newspaper on Monday morning.

Outside of that, the meeting will just be a regular pro forma meeting to do the things we usually do.

ALVORD: Well, rumors have been strong that there is some pressure within the committee to also -- to take a look at the past financial dealings of Mr. Casey. Do you feel that that would be productive?

SENATOR GOLDWATER: Well, there's a lot of rumors going on, but they're all started by the press. I'm chairman of the committee. I know what's going on. And what's going on, going to go on is not what the press says.

If anything comes up that would require another look at Mr. Casey, naturally he would be looked at. But really, the purpose of the meeting this morning is not for that purpose.

ALVORD: All right. Let me ask you, Senator Goldwater, your reactions to some court rulings that have been critical of

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